

**Senate Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 98**

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**Introduced by Senators Beall and De León**

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 98—Relative to developmental services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 98, as amended, Beall. California's community-based developmental services system: 50th anniversary.

This measure would recognize the year of 2016 as the 50th anniversary of California's community-based developmental services system, and would reaffirm the commitment of the Legislature to support this system. This measure would declare the importance of ensuring a sustainable system that protects the rights of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Fifty years ago, the State of California piloted a
- 2 new approach to serving individuals with developmental disabilities
- 3 by enacting a bold new direction in public-private partnership that
- 4 fundamentally changed and dramatically improved the quality of

1 life for individuals with developmental disabilities and their  
2 families, and that would become a model for the nation; and

3 WHEREAS, That partnership model was based on the premise  
4 that the services required of a regional center are of such a special  
5 and unique nature that they could not be satisfactorily provided  
6 by state agencies and thus required private nonprofit entities to  
7 contract with the state to meet the unique needs of the different  
8 geographic regions; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1965, Assembly Bill 691 established a pilot  
10 program that created two regional centers in 1966, one at  
11 Children's Hospital Los Angeles, later named Frank D. Lanterman  
12 Regional Center, and another at San Francisco Aid Retarded  
13 Children, Inc., later named Golden Gate Regional Center, with the  
14 Regional Center of the East Bay formed later from the latter  
15 project's eastern region; and

16 WHEREAS, The pilot program was so successful that it was  
17 turned into a permanent statewide program in 1969 by Assembly  
18 Bill 225, known as the Lanterman Mental Retardation Services  
19 Act; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1973, Assembly Bill 846 recast the act as the  
21 Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act and proposed  
22 expansion of eligibility for regional center services to individuals  
23 with cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism, among other  
24 developmental disabilities; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1977, the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities  
26 Services Act was passed, enumerating various rights to individuals  
27 with developmental disabilities, enshrining the role of regional  
28 centers as advocates for those rights, and creating an individualized  
29 planning process that forms the core of the uniquely tailored  
30 services and supports that each participating individual receives;  
31 and

32 WHEREAS, Regional centers provide service coordination to  
33 ensure that the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities  
34 are met ~~through~~ *using* a combination of natural supports, generic  
35 services, and the purchase of vendored services; and

36 WHEREAS, Community-based service providers offer an array  
37 of services in each community to meet the unique needs of every  
38 individual with a developmental disability, doing so at significant  
39 cost savings to the State of California when compared to the cost  
40 of institutional care; and

1 WHEREAS, California’s network of regional centers and service  
2 providers serve nearly 300,000 individuals with developmental  
3 disabilities who, as a result of the service, are able to live, work,  
4 grow, and thrive in the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Years of underfunding have reduced access to  
6 needed services and supports, have threatened the sustainability  
7 of the system as a whole, have strained families, and have reduced  
8 the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The active support and leadership of the Legislature  
11 is a critical component of any and all efforts to reinvigorate and  
12 renew the community-based developmental services system; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*  
15 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the  
16 year of 2016 as the 50th anniversary of California’s  
17 community-based developmental services system; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That the Legislature declares the importance of  
19 ensuring a sustainable system that protects the rights of individuals  
20 with developmental disabilities and their full inclusion into  
21 community life; and be it further

22 *Resolved*, That the Legislature reaffirms its commitment to  
23 defend, support, and advance the community-based developmental  
24 services system; and be it further

25 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of  
26 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.